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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE ARIZONA ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR A HEARING TO DETERMINE THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS PROPERTY FOR RATEMAKING PURPOSES, TO FIX A JUST AND REASONABLE RETURN THEREON AND TO APPROVE RATES DESIGNED TO DEVELOP SUCH RETURN

Docket No. E-01773A-12-0305

AEPCO'S RESPONSE TO STAFF'S PROPOSED SCHEDULE

The Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. ("AEPCO") has received Staff's proposed schedule for filing dates in this rate case and agrees with the proposed dates. However, with regard to Staff's anticipated proposal to combine the hearing on this matter with the hearing in the Southwest Transmission Cooperative, Inc. ("SWTC") rate case, AEPCO and SWTC propose that the hearings be kept separate, but scheduled consecutively.

The AEPCO and SWTC cases involve distinctly different cooperatives – one is wholesale generation and the other transmission. The matters also involve different rate designs, adjustor clauses, depreciation rates, and additional issues unique to either cooperative. For these reasons, separate but consecutive hearings will be efficient for the parties and the Administrative Law Judge. This procedure will also avoid any confusion on the different case issues that may arise during a single, joint hearing.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 28th day of August, 2012.

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